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**Division of Parole and Probation Academy to Graduate 25 Agents  
Friday, December 14 at 2 p.m. in Sykesville**

***Baltimore Police Commissioner Fred Bealefeld is Keynote Speaker***

TOWSON, MD (December 12, 2007)---Baltimore City's new Police Commissioner Fred Bealefeld will be the keynote speaker as the Maryland Division of Parole and Probation graduates 25 agents this Friday, December 14 at 2 p.m. The ceremony takes place at the Public Safety Education and Training Center, 6852 4<sup>th</sup> St. in Sykesville (on the grounds of the former Springfield State Hospital just off route 32).

Gary Maynard, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and Patrick McGee, Acting Director of the Division of Parole and Probation, will also speak.

The 25 graduating agents have successfully completed a rigorous training academy, and now undertake one of the most challenging jobs in law enforcement and criminal justice: supervising more than 66,000 men and women, many of whom served prison terms prior to returning to society.

Parole and Probation agents, though largely unheralded, do a spectacular job of helping ex-offenders, parolees, and probationers with everything from job skills training to addictions treatment and mental health services. Parole and Probation agents are among Maryland's most important public safety leaders.

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